The Allen-Scott Report

South Viet Nam Plan: U. S. To Take Over Command Control — or 'Review' Our Commitment

WASHINGTON, March 5—Defense Secretary McNamara is going to South Viet Nam for a grave purpose of initiating a crucial change in the long and faltering struggle against Communist aggression.

Under this far-reaching proposal, the U. S. would take over command control from top to bottom of South Viet Nam combat forces.

As formulated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and approved by President Johnson, this momentous plan calls for establishment of joint U. S.-Viet Nam commands from army to company levels with U.S. officers having the deciding voice.

If Major General Nguyen Khanh, Viet Nam's "strong man," agrees to this drastic reorganization, Lieutenant General Wi lam Westmoreland will assume overall command of this U.S. effort and Khanh's role was recently named deputy to General Paul Harkins, U. S. commander in Viet Nam. Harkins would be shifted to another command or retired.

Should Khanh balk, Secretary McNamara will notify him that this will be the President's only alternative but to "review" this country's heavy commitment to Viet Nam — a clear warning that the U. S. may be compelled to seek a peaceful rather than a military solution to the anti-Red conflict.

The implication of a possible "political solution" will not be discussed by McNamara. Presumably, that is the province of the State Department.

The U. S. now has around 15,000 military personnel in Viet Nam acting as advisers and trainers. They can propose but not command. As a consequence, their suggestions and recommendations are frequently disregarded, particularly when they entail aggressive action against the enemy.

That is the crux of the problem for the adverse trend of the Viet Nam conflict.

THE FIRST STEP—This vital problem was stressed by Secretary McNamara at a backstage meeting with congressional leaders to brief them on his impending trip.

The defense chief explained the principal difficulty in forcefully pressing the war is inducing the Vietnamese to take the offensive against the Communists and to hold on to strategic areas after they have been liberated.

It is for this reason that the Johnson administration decided to ask for command control of Vietnamese forces. With the aggressive leadership it is felt U. S. officers and noncoms will provide, there is every confidence Vietnamese troops will prove more than a match against the Viet Cong.

McNamara would not express an opinion on how General Khanh is likely to react to this far-reaching proposal.

Similarly, McNamara told the congressional leaders that no decision has yet been made on carrying the war to North Viet Nam — by aerial attacks on depots, supply routes and other targets, and by guerrilla raids.

Such plans have been discussed, but nothing has been done about them pending the outcome of McNamara's talks with Khanh.

It was emphasized by McNamara that such a fateful decision would be made only by President Johnson.

WHAT THE JOINT CHIEFS — General Maxwell Taylor, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, does not believe Red China will intervene if the conflict is carried to North Viet Nam.

That explosive question was put squarely up to him by Representative Daniel Flood, D-Pa., at a closed-door meeting of the House Appropriations Committee. Taylor had explained that he has made no recommendations as yet on taking the war to North Viet Nam.

"Do you believe the Chinese Communists would intervene either openly or with so-called volunteers if we should blockade North Viet Nam and send curtillas there?" asked Flood.

"No, I do not," replied Taylor.

General Curtis LeMay, Air Chief of Staff, was considerably more emphatic when asked the same question by Flood.

"I have recommended that we take the war to North Viet Nam both in the air and on the ground," declared the one-time bomber commander. "That is the only way we can win this struggle. As long as the Viet Cong are protected and supplied from a privileged sanctuary such as North Viet Nam, we will never be able to stop their guerrilla penetration of South Viet Nam. The only answer is to give them a big dose of the same medicine they are dishing out to us."

Congressional leaders have been told sharp difference of view exists among the Joint Chiefs over a naval blockade because of the great risk of clash with the North Viet Nam coastline.

It is argued this presents severe difficulties. Much is being made of the argument that during the Korean war, U. S. efforts to blockade North Korea were largely ineffectual because of its extended coastline. The contention is made that the most "productive" method of attack would be by air and guerrilla infiltration.

In Oklahoma

Private Henry Earl Covington of Hixburg left on February 20 for Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he is now stationed. He reports that the trip took 40 hours. . . . That he enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the way.

Former 'Epworth League' Members Recall Service Of February '33

Trinity Methodist Church held an "Epworth League" service Sunday evening, and at least 30 of the young people of Epworth League days turned out to join present day MYF members. Mrs. Alice Drinkard used records from February 16, 1963 in choosing the program topic, "The Eternal Years of God."

Pianist was Mrs. Lloyd Martin Smith, with a duet by Miss Eunice Martin and Mrs. Marbbell Campbell. Mrs. Judson Morris delivered the meditation. Mrs. Otho Martin, Sr., brought with her a pin given to her as an "Epworth Leaguer" for raising the most money at Salem Methodist Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman Reynolds gave a talk originally given by Mrs. Alise Drinkard.

Among those present was Mrs. Dorothy Martin (S. G.), the first president of the Epworth League at Trinity. She recalled that when she was organized the League presented her a BIBLE with the Epworth emblem on it. Mrs. J. J. Clark, a former pastor's wife, now Mrs. L. C. Moore, organized the League. Mrs. Russell Martin joined into the "pictorial ball" in recalling the Epworth meetings of the '30's. The meeting was closed with the Epworth benediction, after which the MYF served refreshments.

Former Epworth League members present included the above plus the following: Mrs. Isabel Martin, Mr. Judson Morris, Mrs. Margaret Martin, Mrs. Lena Martin, Mrs. Virginia Drinkard, Rowena Drinkard, T. R. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Nannie Morris Martin, Mrs. Lois Coleman, Mrs. Frances Bethel, Mrs. Dorothy Emma Moore, Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. Erma Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth Burge, Mrs. Martin Coleman, Mrs. Ellen Martin, W. C. Bell, H. A. Phelps, Mrs. Josephine Martin Morris, and Mrs. Lillian M. Martin.

Trees Could Be In Danger Of Borers This Year

This, for shade trees, could be the year of the borers.

Roy C. Beckwith, entomologist of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, says borers build up enormous populations following adverse weather factors such as droughts. During last year's severe drought thousands of red oaks that died in the Northeast were found to be girdled by two-lined chestnut borers.

By May and June adult borers will emerge from D-shaped holes in the bark to attack other weakened oaks, beech, blue beech and ironwood trees. These borers usually begin their assault in the upper crown and work downward. Once borers are in the main trunk the tree is doomed.

Other borers attack various species of trees that become weakened by defoliation, root injury, drought, poor location or other cause.

These are borers that invade linden, tulip and ash trees. The sugar maple borer causes a raised furrow on the trunk. The flat-headed apple borer assails apple, poplar, willow, sycamore, birch, mountain ash, hawthorn and ash. The round-headed apple borer is an enemy of the crabapple and mountain ash.

Other borers cut short the life of a dogwood or birch favorite lawn trees. Dogwood borers can severely damage a dogwood in a single season. They usually invade wounds caused by lawnmower bumps and at crotches and bark cracks. The bronze birch borer starts at the top of the tree and progresses downward. It also attacks quaking aspen.

Nor are evergreens immune from borer attack. Hemlock borers gang up on hemlock and occasionally attack spruce. And still other borers invade Australian, white and Scotch pine.

Tree vigor can repel borers. Ample water and feeding is the key to vigor. All weakened shade trees should be fed as early as possible this spring. Then prune out dead and dying wood. Later in the spring keep the leaves healthy green by spraying to control leaf-chewing insects, scale pests and fungi.

How To Get Along With The Teacher

Getting along with the teacher means more than laughing at his jokes (which is merely politeness), or doing one's assignments well and faithfully (which is expected), or apple polishing (which is a mistake).

Respect his authority. Don't challenge his right to tell you what to do or to pass judgment on what you have done. This is his job.

Allow for the fact that he's only human. He makes mistakes, too. He has his likes and dislikes, and vanities, as we all do.

Do your work well. Basically, this is the best way to please your teacher. As you advance and the better you get along, the better you will like to the work required. Don't grumble when assignments are made and don't make excuses for not having your work ready on time. Your ability and readiness to do your work will lead to many good things. Some day other people may worry about how to handle you.

Colonial Williamsburg To Featu 7 Homes And Gardens, April 2

Seven homes and gardens, all in Colonial Williamsburg's historic area and not generally open to the public, will be featured during Garden Week in Williamsburg, April 21 and 22.

During the daytime, visitors will have an opportunity to visit the Ludwell-Paradise House, home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bares, Jr., the Norton-Cole House, Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle H. Humelsine; the Powell-Waller House, Mrs. Spencer Lane; the Powell-Waller Kitchen, Mrs. Willard Duncan; and the Waters-Coleman House, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Talley. These homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In the evening, guests may tour by candlelight the interiors of the Peyton-Randolph House, home of Mrs. F. H. Ball; and the Armistead House owned by Judge and Mrs. Robert Travis Armistead. Both may be seen from 7-9:30 p.m.

A Pilgrimage Ticket will admit visitors to all seven private homes and gardens. The Combination Ticket includes these homes and gardens and two of Colonial Williamsburg's Exhibition Buildings and gardens on Palace Green: the George Wythe House and the Public Gardens.

Headquarters for Historic Garden Week will be at the Williamsburg Inn with information desks at the Williamsburg Information Center and the Williamsburg Lodge. Mrs. Roger G. Lee and Mrs. Parker Reeve are co-chairman of the local event.

In connection with Garden Week, the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will open a number of buildings and private homes in Williamsburg which have been designed or restored b ginia architects during 50 years. Tickets for t will also be available a Week Headquarters and special Information Desk

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Choose Best Man

will be President Johnson's ning mate in November?

e most prominently mentioned Sen. Hubert Humphrey of ota, Peace Corps Director Sarriver, Attorney General Robert y and Mayor Robert Wagner of ork — the last three Catholics. some to have the inside Shriver. His connection with the y family — brother-in-law of President — and his ability "to gs done" count with Johnson, it

son's dispatching of Shriver on of the Middle East to deliver es to heads of state was an effort by some to project him into the eye.

recent poll of Democratic county chairmen, Humphrey was the top choice for the vice president spot. However, as one Washington columnist put it the other day: "Humphrey's only drawback for the position is that he is not a Catholic."

Sen. Herman Talmadge of Georgia, a Democrat and Southern Baptist, said recently "the candidate will be from a large urban state and very likely will be one of the Catholic faith." Humphrey is apparently being discriminated against on a religious consideration.

We should not ask a man to be a Catholic, Baptist, Methodist or Jew, but only to be the best qualified. The assassination of President Kennedy should point up the importance of a few qualifications, especially for the Vice Presidency.

MacArthur's Message

ECTING five West Point cadets o delivered good wishes of the orps on his 84th birthday, Gen- of the Army Douglas MacArthur with the clarity and soundness s contributed to his fame.

comment should be especially at this time. He said that West had taught him moral courage physical courage, as opposed to sentiism, "which has muddled many ns and settled none." This is a that bears constant repetition. ans are drenched with sentiabout conditions at home and As Gen. MacArthur pointed out, ing heart helps no one.

valuable observations by one erica's authentic heroes are to be in the general's recollections are appearing in serial form in agazine. We recommend close of this personal account by a ho shaped history.

Wheat Or Buses

AT Britain's decision to sell $10 ion worth of buses to Cuba was orously protested in Congress for a simple reason.

The British move came at a time when the American government was trying to tighten its economic blockade around Cuba, but, as one Congressman put it, "How can we protest Great Britain's plans to deal with the Communists when we have just okayed the sale of wheat to the Communists?"

Though we understandably flinched at the proposed British-Cuban deal countries not a party to our dispute with Castro find it difficult to be bound by our embargo.

That especially holds true now that we have approved the wheat deal, which, on the surface, looked like a good way to get rid of our surplus commodities.

And, as one British official summed it up: "The United States has a surplus of wheat. We have a surplus of buses."

It looks like the door has been partially opened to full-scale trade with the Communist, thereby negating the desired effects of our embargo on Cuba.

If we want free-world nations to join in our squeeze on Castro, we must provide the example.

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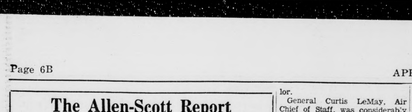
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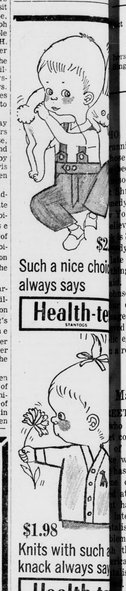
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Steps To Faith

Lesson for March 8, 1964

Nobody knows how many miracles Jesus performed during the few years between His baptism and His crucifixion. The writer of the Fourth Gospel says that the world could not contain the books that would have to be written if anyone tried to write up all that Jesus did. John himself makes no effort to tell the whole story. The first three Gospels tell of many miracles; but the Fourth Gospel tells of only seven or eight. John's way of telling the stories is different, also. The first three Gospels just tell what happened and let the reader make his own comments. John makes every miracle a kind of text for a sermon or meditation on the meaning of Jesus, or the meaning of life.

A Man Named Jesus

So, we are not going off on the wrong foot, but following the evangelist's example, if we take one of the simplest of these stories and see in it a picture of the way faith grows. In itself the story is indeed simple. The man whom Jesus cured must have been a well-known beggar, for the disciples knew he had been born blind. Jesus made "clay" out of spittle and dust, put it on the man's eyes, told him to go to a certain pool and wash. The man washed as directed, and "came seeing." Just like that. The story of the miracle is told. But now begins the part (one of the many aspects of this story) that brings us meanings, not simple facts. The particular meaning here now for us is the way this man **avaneed in faith.** What did he think of Jesus? is one question. The co-bearer's first thought about Jesus was just this: "The man called Jesus." Just a man with a name. But the point was: the man called Jesus had cured his blindness. That much the man knew. You may not think this was a very lofty faith, indeed you might argue that it was not faith at all. But it was. He knew Jesus had cured him.

A Prophet

A little later, the ex-beggar told the Pharisees (it really was none of their business, they only wanted to "get" Jesus somehow) that in his opinion Jesus was a prophet. This did not mean a soothsayer, a fortune-teller; it meant one who speaks God's truth, a Revealer. A prophet was like a window into the mind of God. Prophets were not supermen, they were quite ordinary men in fact. But they were self-emptying men, they let the Spirit of God have his way with them, they were sensitized to the will of God. Many have come only this far on the way to a full faith. But who shall call them unbelievers? Jesus did not denounce this man for coming short of the belief which the disciples of Jesus had towards him. He did not condemn him at all. So we should be slow about denying the name "Christian" or "believer" to men and women of our own time who think of Jesus simply as a teacher, first among teachers or even as one of many teachers. The Lord took this man where he was and helped him to a still higher faith.

The One Lord

Jesus asked the man, finally, if he believed in the "Son of Man." You and I might not understand that question, but this man did. "Son of Man" was one of the common expressions meaning "Messiah" or "Christ," both of which words were never in the plural. There was to be only one Son of Man, in a class alone by himself. This was more than Prophet, for prophets were many. At its height, faith looked at Jesus not as a mere man, not even as one among other revealers of God, not even as the First Saint; but as God's "only begotten Son," God focussed in a single man, the meeting point of the human and the divine. So the man who had been blind, in more ways than one, has his eyes opened at last to what Jesus said he himself was: the Light of the World. And so he did what no man has a right to do to another man: he **worshipped** Jesus. His heart had found its home at last, in God.

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Evergreen

W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions is in progress here this week at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nostein and family have recently moved in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mobley are announced the birth of a son, born February 24th at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Richard Hamilton, of Bluefield College, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and Donald.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. G. W. Glover, Mr. J. C. Staples, Mrs. W. E. Warriner and Mrs. J. A. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dalton, of Blackstone, visited Mr. Archer Legrand last Sunday.

Mrs. Ryland Staples and son, Wilson, and Mrs. O. C. Paulette visited Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tobey Inge and family last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings and son, Sammie, of Cambria, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Jennings and Mrs. Cheatham.

Mrs. R. E. Harris has returned home from the hospital much improved at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coleman, of Chase City.

Mrs. Thomas Bagley and children of Phenix, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett Sunday evening.

Mr. Z. E. Cheatham won second prize at the Horse Show last week at Larzo Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wirt and family, of Richmond, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffith, of Richmond, were luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover Saturday.

Hollywood

Mrs. Willie Edwards and Mrs. Frank Goin of Dillwyn, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Watson and girls Saturday night.

Friends are so glad to know Mr. Grover Beasley is able to leave the hospital. He and Mrs. Beasley are spending sometime in Lynchburg with their daughter, Miss Dorothy Beasley. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock, and son, Steve, of Richmond, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Friends are sorry to hear that Rev. John Lietner is not so well. We do hope he may soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Banton and family, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. Banton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banton.

Mrs. Florry White spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Franklin.

Mrs. R. M. Webb and Mrs. David Repass and Sherry visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Gus Torrence hurt his back last week and has been unable to get about much for several days. We do hope he may soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. W. T. Covington visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby Thursday night.

Friends are glad to know Mrs. Andrew Smith is able to be out of the hospital. She is spending some time in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rena Moses.

Those visiting in the C. R. Banton home last week were Mr and Mrs. Gallion Austin, Mrs. Emma Lemon and Charlie Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. Waverley Gillam of Farmville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jessie Fletcher is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. D. L. Smith, Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Mrs. Florry White and Mr. Howard Smith visited Mrs. Andrew Smith in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Reva Moses, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill, Mrs. Mildred Mann and Mrs. Harry White visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banton Sunday night.

Beckham

March 3 — Mr. Kiah T. Ford of Lynchburg, was guest speaker at Trinity Church Sunday morning.

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Martin on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin, Phil and Patricia, of Richmond, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin.

Donald Lee Drinkard spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Dorothy and Dianne spent the week end with Mrs. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Sr.

Mrs. Mary Burge Paul Burge and John Christian visited Herman Eagle Sunday afternoon.

Those visited Mr. and Mrs. Hacker Martin Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Pam Martin on Monday night. Mrs. David Martin and Mrs. Robert Martin attended the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Robert Morris honored her mother, Mrs. S. G. Martin with a birthday party at her home Saturday night. Present for the occasion were Miss Eunice Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Donald Lee Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. T. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, Jr., Dorothy and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin and Pam Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Martin, Phil and Patricia, Mrs. J. T. Morris, Miss Nancy Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Crews and family visited Mr. Ward Crews and family Sunday night.

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Mrs. H. O. Martin continues her stay with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin and Don, of Lynchburg. Visiting her recently were Mr. H. O. Martin, Mrs. Winston Martin and Gloria and Mis Eunice Martin, also Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin and family.

Miss Mildred Moore spent the week end at home.

For FAST Results Use The TIMES CLASSIFIED Page

Stonewall

Rev. J. P. Leitner is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and Mr. Claude Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson had as their dinner guest Clyde Bondurant, Tom and Phil Harrison to help Edward celebrate his 10th birthday. Hope he may have many more.

Mrs. Erah Elliott and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler were business visitors in Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bondurant had dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Sunday. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and family.

Mrs. W. D. Roop had her neice Miss Delorous Wright from Madison Heights, for the week end. She sang a solo at Hebron Sunday. It was enjoyed by all.

The B.W.C. had charge of the Home Mission program.

Oakville

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCormick visited their daughter, Mrs. Jack Godsey, in University Hospital Charlottesville, Friday. She recently underwent surgery but is doing nicely now.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore Sunday; they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCormick Sunday evening.

Mr. Roland Smith is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Haskins is still in Oakville. She is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Hope she is feeling better and soon will be back in school.

Harold Stratton returned home Monday after being a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

A large crowd attended Mt Comfort Church Sunday night to hear Miss Helen Rosser, retired missionary to Korea.

Mrs. W. L. Ayrs, and two daughters are visiting her people in Georgia. Rev. Ayres' mother of Farmville is visiting with them this week.

We miss Mrs. Edd Marsh in Oakville since she has been staying with her grandaughter, Mrs. Jack Baker, of Evergreen. Hope Mrs. Marsh will soon be able to return to Oakville.

Mrs. Dallas Walton plans to return home this week after being a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital for several weeks. Glad to hear she is getting along nicely now.

Herbie Pulliam Entertains Virginia Bankers

Herbie Pulliam, 1961 State 4-H Share the Fun winner, was one of five 4-H members presenting the entertainment for the Virginia Bankers Farm Credit Conference held at Natural Bridge, March 2, 3, and 4. Herbie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pulliam Sr., Route 4, Appomattox, performed Tuesday night at the banquet meeting.

Pastor Speaks

Revival Time

"Wilt thou revive us again? . . . the ancient psalmist said. (Psalm 85:6. The Baptist of Appomattox County will enter a simultaneous crusade Easter Sunday continuing for a week or ten days. The majority of the Baptist Churches of this Association will participate. Also I understand the Presbyterian, Methodist and other groups are having special emphasis in the revitalization of its fellowship.

All this speaks of the revitalization which comes in the spring. It is good for God's people to move from the shell of winter to the freshness of spring spiritually.

What is a Revival? The answer isn't easy. However this observation can be made. A revival presupposes life is already present. Thus a revival is the revitalization of the church. Dr. Charles Finney, one of the 19th century observed that obedience to God is necessary if a time of revival is to come. Another has observed that it is to "reawaken" the life of the believer. There can be no reviving of the unregenerate — they are dead in trespasses and sins. But just as sure as Christians are revived there will be conversion of sinners. The task of the church is evangelism and this can take place when a revival comes.

Billy Graham is of the opinion that there are groups of people all over the world praying, and carrying-out for a revival. Like John Knox of Scotland they are saying "give us . . . the world . . . ere we die". These cell groups are all over the free world, and behind the 'crutains too. From India where there are 4 million Christians groups to several thousand in America the prayer goes up to God for a revival.

The appalling moral lackness and spiritual declining has reached an all-time high. Man's natural self, the glorification of sex, and the thrust of humanism has added dimensions which only a God-breathed revival can stop. A new thrust of the Spirit is important. Let's pray that the winds of spring will blow in our community and all over our land.

Let's get in our churches, become active in prayer and self-examination. God is leaning way out over the "window sill" of heaven, ready and anxious to pour out a blessing. "O Lord; may these "seasons of refreshing come to us at this spring time of spiritual awakening."

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